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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MOZAMBIQUE: GREAT EXPECTATIONS

MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSAN TOLD CHARGE CARSON MARCH 5 THAT THERE ARE NO FOREIGN TROOPS FIGHTING IN RHODESIA AND HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY IN THE FUTURE SINCE "MOZAMBIQUE DOES NOT WANT ANOTHER ANGOLA." CHISSAN ALSO SAID THE US SHOULD:

--CONTRIBUTE "MEANINGFULLY AND SIGNIFICANTLY" TO ANY UN PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP MOZAMBIQUE OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE SANCTIONS;

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--CONDEMN RHODESIAN AGGRESSION IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND

--PRESS SOUTH AFRICA TO LIBERATE NAMIBIA IMMEDIATELY.

CHISSAN CONDEMNED THE US PRESENCE AT DIEGO GARCIA AND THE CONTINUING US IMPORTATION OF RHODESIAN CHROME. EMBASSY MAPUTO ESTIMATES THAT THE SANCTIONS WILL COST MOZAMBIQUE CLOSE TO \$40 MILLION A YEAR AND CAUSE CONSIDERABLE UNEMPLOYMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) MAPUTO 218 AND 216, 3/5.)

2. PERU: BERMUDEZ SHORT?

NOTING THAT LIMA IS RIFE WITH RUMORS OF AN IMPENDING COUP ATTEMPT, THE EMBASSY REPORTS:

--THERE IS DISSATISFACTION WITHIN THE ARMY AND THE NAVY WITH THE PERCEIVED LEFTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FAILURE OF BERMUDEZ TO APPEAR TO BE IN CONTROL.

--PLANS FOR A RADICAL SECOND PHASE OF THE REVOLUTION NOW BEING CIRCULATED HAVE ALARMED MODERATES.

--AT LEAST ONE DIVISION IN THE LIMA AREA IS ON ALERT.

A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE MILITARY REPORTS THAT THE LEFT IS EDGY TOO, AND THAT RADICAL PRIME MINISTER FERNANDEZ HAS EFFECTIVELY TAKEN OVER THE GOVERNMENT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE DO NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COUP FROM THE RIGHT OR EVEN THE LEFT, BUT THE PRESENT EXCITEMENT COULD PASS WITHOUT CAUSING A CONFRONTATION. (SECRET) LIMA 2204, 3/5.)

3. CPSU CONGRESS: BREZHNEV AND STABILITY

REPORTING THE MARCH 5 REELECTION OF BREZHNEV AND MOST OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO THEIR POSTS, EMBASSY MOSCOW NOTES:

--THE ELECTIONS CONVEY THE "STEADY AS SHE GOES" IMPRESSION THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE ENTIRE CONGRESS.

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--THE REMOVAL OF AGRICULTURE MINISTER POLYANSKIY FROM THE POLITBURO CAME AS NO SURPRISE AND PLACES AGRICULTURAL POLICY EVEN MORE FIRMLY IN THE HANDS OF THE BREZHNEV TEAM.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT BREZHNEV REMAINS FIRMLY IN THE SADDLE WITH NO REAL RIVALS FOR HIS JOB. FURTHERMORE,

WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY EVIDENCE AT THIS CONGRESS OF FACTIONAL
MANEUVERING WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THAT A POWER STRUGGLE IS
TAKING PLACE BEHIND THE KREMLIN WALLS. (CONFIDENTIAL)
MOSCOW 3482, 3/5.)

4. CHILE: CABINET RESHUFFLE

THE ENTIRE CHILEAN CABINET RESIGNED MARCH 5 IN ORDER TO
GIVE PRESIDENT PINOCHET A FREE HAND IN REORGANIZING IT.
THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR ANNOUNCED THAT PINOCHET WILL
PROBABLY NAME A NEW CABINET MARCH 8. (UNCLASSIFIED)
SANTIAGO 1758, 3/5.) KISSINGER

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